Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office Of The Governor

WHEREAS, Annual migrations of wild ducks and geese are a source of inspiration to wildlife viewers and are actively sought by sportsmen; and,

WHEREAS, Changing land use practices are destroying more than one-half million acres of waterfowl habitat per year on the continent; and,

WHEREAS, Ducks Unlimited, Inc. has completed fifty years of education and fund raising to help preserve and restore waterfowl habitat on the continent, particularly in the critical breeding ranges of the northern United States and Canada, made possible by volunteer contributions of more than $380 million; and,

WHEREAS, Ducks Unlimited, Inc. and South Dakota Ducks Unlimited will provide 7.5 percent of all funds raised in South Dakota to the Department of Game, Fish and Parks for development of M.A.R.S.H. projects in South Dakota; and,

WHEREAS, Ducks Unlimited's North American Habitat Development program has completed eight projects in South Dakota at a total cost of $1,155,000; and,

WHEREAS, Many more projects will be undertaken in South Dakota through Ducks Unlimited's continuing habitat development program; and,

WHEREAS, $1,200,000 was generated by Ducks Unlimited for the United States Fish and Wildlife Service through the sale of a special shotgun commemorating the 50th year of the federal duck stamp; and,

WHEREAS, This money was spent in South Dakota for wetlands acquisition; and,

WHEREAS, 10,250 South Dakotans associated with Ducks Unlimited are in a race against time to preserve critical waterfowl breeding habitat, through the largest private waterfowl conservation organization in the world; and,

WHEREAS, These efforts are to provide homes for waterfowl and approximately 300 additional species of wildlife, so this legacy of migrating waterfowl, shorebirds and other types of wildlife can be enjoyed by this and future generations of Americans:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE S. MICKELSON, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim June 2, 1987, as

DUCKS UNLIMITED DAY

in South Dakota.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Governor's Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Second Day of June, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Eighty-Seven

GEORGE S. MICKELSON, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

JOYCE HAZELTINE, SECRETARY OF STATE